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# RING OF BRIGHT WATER - October 2017

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## The Society of Women Writers Qld. Inc.

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## Words from your President

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Our new team has had their first meeting with enthusiasm about the future of SWWQ! You will note the new format for *Ring of Bright Water*, thanks to Trudy Graham, who will be our editor.

I will continue to manage the website and Facebook page, but welcome input from members. (I'd love an "assistant", so if you are interested in learning more about website management contact me.)

Please let Trudy and/or me know if you win an award, or publish something, or have news that will be of interest to other members. Let's inspire each other to do great things!

We are hoping that we can in 2017/18 help our members achieve their writing goals.

The Marj Wilke Writing Competition is a fitting tribute to Marj who has been an enthusiastic member of SWWQ for many years and indeed has hosted our committee planning meetings for most of the last few years, as she will in January. Get writing now and submit your entries by October 31<sup>st</sup>!

Our next "event" is Bribie – I will be there most days, as I will be house sitting at nearby Wamuran. If anyone would like to go and has travel challenges, can you let Helen or me know? I can arrange a lift from Caboolture station if needed, and I am sure other members will be able to assist if necessary.

Happy Writing,

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## Upcoming Events

### Members' Meeting

**10 October 2017**

Brisbane Square Library. 10 a.m.  
Community Room, Ground Floor  
"Member Readings" and  
discussion re future meetings

### Writers' Retreat

**18 – 22 October 2017**

Bribie Island  
*See attached flyer for details*

### Marj Wilke

#### Writing Competition

Opens 1 October 2017  
Closes 30 October 2017  
Members Only, *See flyer for details*



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**Facebook**

**Join our Facebook closed group.**  
(Click on the image above.)

### Read our Blog:

<http://womenwritersqld.org>

There, you will also find previous editions of newsletters and more.

## Tips on developing our writing skills

Lauren Daniels gave a brilliant talk at our AGM on Tuesday 12/09/2017. Lauren has kindly agreed to share the notes from her talk, so *look for the attached flyer*, "Tips on developing our writing skills." Lauren is the judge for our in-house *Marj Wilke Writing Competition*.

**From the Editor** [robweditor@womenwritersqld.org.au]

**Great News!** The Ring of Bright Water will now come to you monthly.

We will continue to bring you news of writing competitions but, because of space limitations, these will be limited. However, where possible we will include links to online pages where you can do your own research.

We do not have the space to publish your creative works but will welcome any writing news that can be shared with members.

I would welcome enquiries from any member who would consider assisting me with the newsletter.

## Bribie Island Retreat

October 18 to 22<sup>nd</sup>. [Come for the whole retreat, or just a couple of days – your choice.]

Cost is \$25 per night for accommodation, and \$10 per meal - this includes breakfast and lunch. Dinner is at your own cost at a local venue.

Use the time to work on a particular project, attend one of our informal workshops, or combine the two. *See the attached Flyer for more details.*

## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

President: Di Hill president@womenwritersqld.org.au  
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Adele Moy; Sue Wagner; Trudy Graham; Bernadette Ketter;  
and Marj Wilke

## Announcements

### Competitions

*The information here comes from websites and we take no responsibility for accuracy. Please check the websites for more information.*

#### Odyssey House Victoria

Open to all Australians of all ages and varying levels of experience.

**Closes: 3 November, 2017**

**Word limit: 1500**

**Theme** 'Courage' and overcoming challenges.

**Entry Fee:** \$10 per entry, limit 3. *Terms, conditions and formatting info at*  
[www.odyssey.org.au](http://www.odyssey.org.au)

**Prizes:** The first prize winner will receive \$1000 and a full year membership to Writers Victoria, second prize \$100 and third prize \$50.

Competitions begin to dry up during the latter part of each year. Aim to work on your stories and poems, ready for 2018 competitions. And don't forget our in-house 'Marj Wilke Writing Competition'. Details are on the flyer that came with this newsletter.

### Member Meetings

These are held on the second Tuesday of each month. (Except for January each year.)

Donation of \$3 includes Lucky Door Ticket.